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Please add the following paragraph after the paragraph ending at line 12 on page 3 and before the paragraph starting at line 13 on page 3:

An embodiment of an electric storage battery includes a case comprising a peripheral wall defining an interior volume. The battery also includes an electrode assembly mounted in the interior volume. The electrode assembly includes an electrically conductive elongate pin. The electrode assembly also includes first and second opposite polarity electrode strips wound together to form a spiral roll. Each electrode strip has inner and outer ends. The first electrode strip is electrically coupled to the pin at said inner end. The electrode assembly also includes a hollow elongate mandrel closely fitted around said pin for mechanically reinforcing said pin.

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